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SUBJECT: 1978 MIDYEAR ATLANTIC ALLOCATIONS

REF: STATE 164121

1. MIDYEAR REVIEW OF U.S. FISHING CAPACITY FOR SHORT-FINNED SQUID AND SILVER HAKE IS NOW UNDERGOING 15 DAY PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD. PENDING OUTCOME OF PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD, DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES THAT ADDITIONAL 5000MT OF SILVER HAKE AND 5500 MT OF SHORTFINNED SQUID WILL PROBABLY BE AVAILABLE DURING SECOND WEEK OF AUGUST.

2. PLEASE INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS AND EEC COMMISSION OF PRELIMINARY REPEAT PRELIMINARY MIDYEAR ALLOCATIONS. AS NOTED BELOW, ALLOCATIONS TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES ARE CONTINGENT UPON USG RECEIPT OF ALL FISHERY DATA, IN PROPER FORMAT, FROM THAT COUNTRY REQUIRED UNDER GOVERNING INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES AGREEMENTS (GIFAS). (SEE REFTTEL) SILVER HAKE IS ALLOCATED TO ALLOW REALISTIC BYCATCH QUOTA FOR LONGFINNED AND SHORTFINNED SQUID ALLOCATED TO DATE. 2000MT SILVER HAKE IS BEING RESERVED BY DEPARTMENT IN EVENT OF ADDITIONAL LONGFINNED SQUID ALLOCATION IN THE FALL. SHORTFINNED SQUID IS ALLOCATED IN PROPORTION TO INITIAL 1978 ALLOCATIONS.

3. PRELIMINARY ALLOCATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS, ALL IN METRIC TONS (MT):

A. FOR SOFIA: 17MT SILVER HAKE, 56MT SQUID, TO BE HELD IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESERVE AND RELEASED UPON RECEIPT OF CATCH DATA BY VESSEL FOR APRIL-JUNE AND OCT-DEC 1977. WHEN CUBAN ALLOCATION IS REDISTRIBUTED (SEE PARA 5) DEPT ANTICIPATES PROVIDING SOME ADDITIONAL SILVER HAKE TO GOB AND SMALL AMOUNT OF ATLANTIC MACKEREL TO HELP ALLEVIATE GOB BYCATCH PROBLEM.

B. FOR USEEC: EEC ALLOCATIONS ARE: BONN: 33MT SILVER HAKE AND 90MT SQUID, TO BE HELD IN RESERVE AND RELEASED UPON RECEIPT OF CATCH DATA BY VESSEL FOR JULY-DEC 1977; PARIS: 19MT SILVER HAKE AND 288MT SQUID; ROME: 183MT HAKE AND 282MT SQUID, TO BE HELD IN RESERVE AND RELEASED UPON RECEIPT OF CATCH DATA BY 30 MINUTE SQUARES AND IN METRIC TONS.

C. FOR TOKYO: 371MT SILVER HAKE AND 678MT SQUID.

D. FOR WARSAW: 139MT SILVER HAKE AND 943MT SQUID TO BE HELD IN RESERVE AND RELEASED UPON RECEIPT OF CATCH DATA BY VESSEL FOR JULY-DEC 1977.

E. FOR MADRID: 752MT SILVER HAKE AND 2015MT SQUID TO BE HELD IN RESERVE AND RELEASED UPON RECEIPT OF CATCH

DATA IN CORRECT FORMAT.

F. FOR MOSCOW: 786MT SILVER HAKE AND 1058MT SQUID.
REQUEST EMBASSY QUERY SOVIET FISHERY OFFICIALS RE THEIR
INTENTIONS TO RENEW ATLANTIC OPERATIONS IN U.S. ZONE IN
VIEW OF SOVIET FLEET DEPARTURE FROM U.S. ATLANTIC COAST.
UNLESS SOVIET RESPONSE INDICATING THEIR INTENTION TO
FISH FOR THIS REALLOCATION IS RECEIVED BY AUGUST 15, 1978,
THESE AMOUNTS AND POSSIBLE SUBSEQUENT AMOUNTS FROM
REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE 1978 CUBAN ALLOCATIONS (PARA 5)
WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG OTHER COUNTRIES ACTIVELY ENGAGED
IN THE FISHERY.

G. FOR MEXICO CITY 700MT SILVER HAKE.
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4. ACTION POSTS SHOULD NOT REVEAL ALLOCATIONS FOR NON-
HOST COUNTRIES UNTIL ALLOCATIONS ARE FINALIZED. DEPT
WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INDICATION ASAP OF HOST GOVERN-
MENT'S INTENTIONS IN APPLYING FOR SUBJECT REALLOCATIONS.

5. FOR BUCHAREST, BERLIN, BONN AND WARSAW: DEPART-
MENT ANTICIPATES THAT ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF SILVER HAKE
WILL BECOME AVAILABLE SHORTLY DUE TO AMOUNTS RELEASED BY

WITHDRAWAL OF CUBA FROM THE U.S. ATLANTIC FISHERY FOR 1978.
THIS DEVELOPMENT MAY MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO PERMIT RE-
ENTRY THIS YEAR OF ROMANIA AND GDR INTO ATLANTIC ZONE AND
POSSIBLY SOME INCREASE FOR THE FRG AND POLAND IF THEY
HAVE INTEREST IN FISHING FOR SILVER HAKE. ALLOCATIONS
WOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL ENOUGH TO PERMIT ECONOMIC OPERATIONS
OF SEVERAL VESSELS, ESPECIALLY IF THESE COUNTRIES HAVE
VESSELS OPERATING IN CANADIAN ZONE THAT COULD BE SENT DOWN
ON FAIRLY SHORT NOTICE. REQUEST EMBASSIES QUERY HOST
GOVERNMENTS ON THEIR INTEREST IN SILVER HAKE AND THEIR
OPERATIONAL PREPAREDNESS TO FISH THIS SPECIES IN 1978
SHOULD ALLOCATIONS BE GRANTED. EMBASSIES SHOULD EMPHASIZE
THAT IF THESE ALLOCATIONS ARE MADE THEY WILL BE BASED ONLY
ON CONDITIONS DURING 1978, AND SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED
AS ESTABLISHING A PRECEDENT FOR ALLOCATIONS IN SUBSE-
QUENT YEARS. THESE ALLOCATIONS WOULD REPRESENT AN ATTEMPT
BY THE DEPARTMENT TO COMPENSATE COUNTRIES THAT LOST SUB-
STANTIAL TRADITIONAL FISHERIES FOR SPECIES NOT AVAILABLE
FOR FOREIGN ALLOCATION, AND WOULD BE BASED ONLY ON SPECIAL
CIRCUMSTANCES AFFECTING HAKE SUPPLIES DURING 1978.

6. FYI: NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE IS SPONSORING
EFFORTS TO RELIEVE CONSTRAINTS UPON FOREIGN FISHING IN
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NORTHWEST ATLANTIC, ESPECIALLY GEAR CONFLICTS AND FISHING
AREAS. CHANGES WILL PROBABLY NOT BE MADE UNTIL 1979. END
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